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IN SERVICE.**
For a better us.

SANTA MONICA FAMILY YMCA COMMUNITY GIVING INITIATIVE

For over 100 years, through good times and bad, the Santa Monica Family YMCA has provided services that build the foundation for a better community. The challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic inspired a time of service like no other, yet our commitment never wavered to help our community thrive. But we cannot do it alone. With your support, the Y will be able to help our community emerge from this crisis more resilient than ever by providing resources for vital programs to address the most pressing needs.

Academic Support to Keep Kids Connected and Learning

The impact of COVID-19 created stress for families as they attempted to adjust to new health protocols, remote school schedules, uncertain child care arrangements, and barriers to many critical support services. The Y responded by offering a distance learning program to keep kids safely connected with each other and engaged in learning. Looking ahead, students will need even more support in our afterschool and summer learning programs to re-engage, catch up and thrive.

"We helped single working moms and families with several children juggling different online class schedules have a safe place for their kids to complete their schoolwork" Erika, Program Director



Child Care for Essential Workers

During the stay-at-home orders, essential workers were challenged in reporting for work because no one was available to care for their children. Our YMCA stepped up to provide this critical service to the community. Our licensed Child Development Center provides a safe, nurturing environment for children six weeks old to kindergarten age, to learn and develop social skills, giving parents much needed support.

"Our Center opened in April, a month after the shut-down, and our staff bravely returned to work to bring a sense of normalcy to the children and their parents" Lina, Program Director



Affordable Chronic Disease Prevention Programs

The Y helps individuals prevent, delay, or live better with our chronic disease prevention programs such as the YMCA's Diabetes Prevention Program, LIVESTRONG for cancer survivors and the Blood Pressure Self-Monitoring Program. There has never been a more urgent time to reclaim one's health and the Y provides affordable evidence-based services.

"We launched our blood pressure program during the pandemic to help combat the effects of this stressful time" Lidia, Program Director



GIVE TODAY FOR A BETTER US

We believe that everyone deserves a chance to reach their full potential and that cost should never be a barrier. With your help we can ensure that everyone has the opportunity to achieve their potential.

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